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TRAGEDY AND COMEDY IN THE LITTLE THINGS OF 1904

Apparently Trivial Incidents That Have Led to the Most Unexpected and Startling Results Are Here Chronicled.

A WILMINGTON (Del.) Italian, Lingo Greno, would have been killed by an approaching train if his foreman, De Witt, had not knocked him off the track with a clod of earth. Then Greno had his rescuer arrested for assault.

The bishop of London received in October a check for \$5 from an undertaker who wished to make thank-offering because business for the year had been so brisk.

Yu Chi Yi, one of the royal Chinese commissioners to the World's Fair at St. Louis, distrusting the chiropodists of that city, traveled back to San Francisco to be treated by one Sam Him.

A Virginia Irishman has been permitted by the Treasury Department to send his linen back to the "ould sod" to be



"Knocked Him Off the Track With a Clod of Earth."

laundered. He said he was tired of the saw-edge collars passed out to him by American methods.

Just Love.

Walter Lorraine, who lives near Buffalo, N. Y., in May brought suit for \$2,000 damages against Miss Du Clam, of Niagara Falls. It seems the young lady, carried away by her affection, hugged him hard enough to fracture a rib. Almost at the same time Miss Carrie Hugin, of Janesville, Wis., was so tightly clasped by her sweetheart that two of her ribs became interlocked.

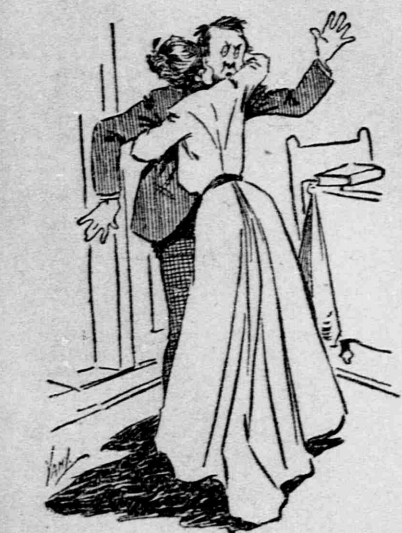
Lord Fincastle, one of England's bravest men, three times decorated for heroism in battle, was married last January, and was so nervous at the altar that his bride had to prompt all his responses.

After seven years in the cloister, Sister Annette, of Burlington, Iowa, has applied for a dispensation from vows that she may marry one of her music pupils.

Dean Tufts, of the University of Chicago, came to the conclusion last April that striving tends to the development of both soul and intellect, while "coquetry is a training of the abilities needed in serious life."

Life's Little Ironies.

Jeremiah Harrigan, of Hockessin, Del., escaped the clutches of the hangman after the gallows had been erected upon which he was to die. A few weeks



"Hugged Him Hard Enough to Fracture a Rib."

later he died from the effects of a badly frozen foot.

William P. Steele, of Princeton, Md., was killed while setting up a monument over his wife's grave. The stone fell upon him, crushing head and chest. It was suggested to the authorities of Seville, Spain, that the city should do something to help the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The idea was enthusiastically adopted and a monster bull fight held in the organization's behalf.

After fruitlessly wandering over the hills of Utah for years, Patrick Sullivan, an old prospector, died of heart failure upon discovering a rich mine near Park City.

The Humors of Lightning.

Jerry Crandall, who lives near Saratoga, N. Y., avers that one afternoon in May, during a thunder shower, a bolt of lightning ripped through the kitchen floor of his cottage, set fire to the wood-work and smashed a big jar, the water from which put out the flames.

While G. C. Rothwell, candidate for levy court commissioner in Wilmington, Del., was about to vote at the September primaries, lightning tore down one of his political posters from a telegraph

pole and knocked the ticket from his hand. He was defeated by a large majority.

During an extremely heavy storm at Morristown, N. J., in August, Abbott Parker, with his coat ripped open by threads, was found unconscious on a sidewalk. At the hospital it was found that a picture of a crucifix had been etched upon his back by lightning.

Mrs. W. A. Redwick, of Cooperstown, N. Y., was carrying a lighted lamp downstairs during a storm, when a bolt tore the lamp from her hand, putting it out at the same time, ripped open the woman's shoes, but left her personally uninjured.

Four-Footed Friends.

In the stomach of a steer brought from Nebraska to the Pittsburgh stockyards, was found an issue of Mr. Bryan's "Commoner," undigested.

United States Senator Ankeny, of Washington State, was an invalid in January, all because his pet dog was so glad to see him that he upset the politician in their greeting, and the latter broke his arm in the tumble.

A mail train on the Illinois Central road was wrecked in January by striking a cow. The body was hurled against a switch, and in some manner, opened it, so ditching the train.

A pointer dog, sent from St. Paul into North Dakota for hunting training, was frightened by the noise of a mowing machine, and ran all the way home to his owner—85 miles.

Death in Trifles.

Jacob Harlem, of Union City, Ind., dreamt one night last January that his father had been killed in a runaway accident. His terror brought on a chill which resulted in death.

An ill-fitting shoe rubbing the heel of Benjamin Ady of Baltimore, was the cause of death. The doctor called it blood poisoning.

A Vineland, (N. J.) contractor, Peaster by name, died of fright at the sight of



"Lightning Tore Down One of His Political Posters."

the surgical instruments laid out preparatory to an operation upon him.

Stranger Than Fiction.

Harry Lehr attended a Newport theater one evening in July wearing a bright red tie with his evening clothes. The missionary society of Kenosha (Wis.), Methodist Church refused to accept a legacy of \$75,000 because the donor had met death while attending the theater.

On January 15 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Leroy, of Louisville, Ky., being their fifth boy born on that day of the month since 1900.

Frank Brocking, of Macomb, Ill., while tearing out a sparrow's nest found a \$2 bill among the straw. With this as rent money he put back the birds' home, and they are again living with him.

Red Tape and Lawyers.

The captains of the steamers Insulaire and Liban, which collided in June, with the loss of 104 lives, were tried in a Marseilles court and fined 30 cents each.

A Syracuse (N. Y.) motorman brought suit last January against Archie Hale, a farmer, because when he was struck by the car he put it behind its schedule.

James Benton, of Indianapolis, was sentenced to an indeterminate period for manipulating crooked checks. His commitment papers read: "From one minute to twenty years."

The Old Folks.

Two septuagenarians of Liverpool, England, celebrating their golden wedding, received among their gifts a tombstone with their names already duly inscribed.

Joseph Fields Morris, of New Bedford, N. J., acted as "best man" at his son's wedding, the ceremony being performed on the old gentleman's one hundredth birthday (April 20).

Mrs. Catherine Dannbacher, of Bloomfield, N. J., and Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, of Leominster, Mass., each received bouquets of roses on their birthdays, one being seventy-one and the other ninety-two. Each scratched herself on a thorn, and in each case death followed blood poisoning.

A nonagenarian of St. Louis, Otto Peterson, was wedded on his ninetieth birthday last April, to his former wife, from whom he had lived apart for thirteen years.

One of Tipton's (Ind.) veteran Democrats, John Weaver, aged seventy-three,

committed suicide in May because his only son had voted the local Republican ticket for mayor.

Pure Chance.

The steamship Alaskan, which reached New York in August from Honolulu, made nearly \$30,000 for her owners by being delayed three days in a storm, during which time the price of sugar, with which the vessel was loaded, rose considerably.

In April last A. J. Gonder, a brakeman employed by the Ontario and Western



"His Pet Dog Was So Glad to See Him."

Road, predicted he would meet death while coupling; his prophecy was fact six days later.

A game of seven-up broke an election deadlock in Monongahela, Pa., last February. Clark Boyd, Republican, and James Hendrickson, Democrat, each received 113 votes for register assessor, and played cards for a decision. The Democrat won.

James A. Jennings, a New York electrician, was run over by a train and killed the morning after he had dreamed that he was dead.

In Kansas.

During a June storm at Fort Scott, thousands of small fishes and frogs fell from the sky. The market place was covered and scores of fish were taken from the pools left by the rain.

A quarter of a million of dollars left to the Methodist Church by W. M. Kendall, of Kansas City, was accompanied by the clause in the will: "It is my desire that this fund shall continue till Jesus comes again."

A mule born on a farm near Lebanon came into the world with seven distinct

hoofs; three on the left front leg, and two on the right.

Lightning got busy in Kansas City in August and at 1420 Charlotte Street tackled a feather bed and scattered the contents all over the room. A black silk skirt hanging on the foot of the bed was not harmed.

The Gentler Sex.

"No mother should be weak enough to allow her baby to scream off the key. She should carry a tuning fork and when the child is about to begin a prolonged howl, should give it the proper note." That is the recipe for domestic harmony which Miss Amelia Weed Holbrook gave the Professional Woman's League last June.

The manager of a New York city theater solved the theater hat question in March by posting the following notices: "Ladies will please remove



"When He Was Struck by the Car He Put It Behind Its Schedule."

their hats. Old ladies, liable to catch cold, are not bound by this request. All hats come off.

In February Miss Belle Cox, of Morristown, N. J., slipped on the ice and broke her leg. In May she fell from a ladder and broke it again. In July she made a misstep from a car and for the third time broke the same leg.

While her private car was off the track, bumping over the ties near Salt

Lake City, Lily Langtry held on to the tea table and pledged this toast to the frightened members of her company: "Here's to the one who keeps the coolest head."

Chickens and Crime.

In the Bayonne (N. J.) court a hen was committed last January, and this entry made upon the records: "Name, a Leghorn; Age, doubtful; nativity, Centerville; occupation, layer; offense,



"She Fell From a Ladder and Broke It Again."

clucking; disposition, eventually to be fricasseed; found on person, feathers."

Russell Sage, aged twelve, was caught shooting crabs in Cleveland, Ohio, and sent to the city farm. He denied relationship to the Wall Street financier.

Having hatched sixteen chicks from fifteen eggs, Benjamin Emmons, of Trenton, is out for the championship poultry belt of New Jersey.

That he might have more money with which to assist the poor of Chicago, Dr. Dewing was arrested there in March, accused of robbing railroads of thousands of dollars worth of transportation.

During a heavy storm near Utica (N. Y.) last June, ten sparrows, flew into a shed and took refuge under the wings of a hen brooding there over some young chicks.

Angered by what he thought an un-

Peculiar Accidents, Pranks of Lightning, Mishaps of Fond Lovers, and Many Facts That Are Stranger Than Fiction.

just reprimand from his teacher, Walter Dale, a fourteen-year-old pupil in the Denver schools, in January took a dose of carbolic acid and died in the midst of his companions.

When the remains of J. J. Burnside, one of the victims of a snowslide at Alta, Utah, in February, were found, it was discovered that death had come, not from suffocation or cold, but heat. The man had been pinned against a stove by the rush of snow.

"Hold the line and listen. I'm going to kill Pearl and myself." With this advice over the phone to a friend, James Gardel, of Minneapolis, committed murder and suicide last January.

After starving itself two weeks because its mate had been taken away, a lion in the St. Louis zoo died of a broken heart in March.

Because her husband acquiesced in

everything she suggested and never argued with her, Mrs. Jessie Bryning of Kansas City, applied for divorce.

A. W. T. Lawrence, a convict serving in the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., cleared \$40,000 by operating in the February cotton market through a broker friend.

While nine grown children were assembled in his house to help celebrate his golden wedding, Christian "Tricks" of Louisville, entered suit for divorce.

"Doc" Bliss, a notorious crook, who died in Baltimore in August, bequeathed to Maud Ballington Booth \$500, which he had in deposit in Chicago.

Frank E. Towle of New York city, tried to divorce his wife last October, because she played so poor a game of poker as to keep him "always in the hole" trying to pay her losses. His application was denied.

EGG CROP OF MISSOURI IS ITS BIGGEST

The Missouri hen continues to be a source of pride to natives of the "Show Me" State, second only to that other famous denizen of the Commonwealth—the Missouri mule.

"Few people in Missouri," says J. S. McPheeters, of St. Louis, "ever stop to think what an important industry the poultry and egg business has proven to be. In the year just closing, Missouri has produced 40,000,000 dozen eggs, with a value which exceeds any other crop, and is equal to five or six other crops, which are much exploited, all combined. If the growth of the egg business in Missouri continues, it will be but a few years until Missouri's hens will offer up a product equal in value to Missouri's mines. The high prices which the warehouse and cold storage people have created in the last ten years, are a direct benefit of the Missouri housewife, for it is well known that on every well regulated farm it is usually the housewife

who cares for the chickens and eggs, and who gets the returns from them.

"What has been done with eggs has also been brought about with many other products, chief among which is celery. Through cold-storage processes, celery has developed from a delicacy into a common relish, procurable all the year around. In St. Louis the people consume about 2,000,000 pounds of butter each month, and yet they have no idea what an important factor in producing that supply the cold storage concerns are. Although we have a few cheese manufacturers in Missouri, it is a natural center for the distribution of that product, and no doubt the future will witness a wonderful development along this line. The Southern States are the ones which demand cheese, and St. Louis is the natural market from which it should be forwarded. Just now the Eastern States give a great demand for our eggs and poultry and increase in importance of the city as a shipping point, and eventually the cheese demand of the South will do the same thing."

\$100 for the Best Dreams

The Washington Sunday Times offers \$100.00 in prizes for the stories of the most interesting dreams experienced by its readers and told by them.

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They may be odd, amusing, pathetic or mysterious. They must be sent written or typewritten, addressed to Dream Editor, Washington Sunday Times.

Things to Remember

They should be as brief as possible and still tell the story effectively.

In the award of the prizes, literary merit will be only a secondary consideration. The interest of the story will be the determining factor.

Many of the dreams, besides the prize winners, will be published in the Sunday Times, and all those sent in must be offered with that understanding. It is not compulsory that the writer's real name be attached to the dream when published, but it must accompany it when submitted.

The first installment of the dreams will be published in next Sunday's Times and other installments will be printed each week until further notice.